

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: The George Schrade Property Inventory Number: HO-1110
 Address: 525 Sykesville Road (MD 32) Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
 City: Sykesville Zip Code: 21784 County: Howard
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Sykesville
 Property Owner: James Measmer and Constance I. Measmer Tax Account ID Number: 03-285294
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0022-0047 Tax Map Number: 0004
 Project: MD 32 from S. of Day Road to N. of W. Friendship Road Wide Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: Skelly and Loy, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Laura Ricketts Date Prepared: 10/24/2012
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description:

The George Schrade Property (HO-1110) is located at Maryland Route 32 (MD 32)/525 Sykesville Road about half of a mile south of the historic town of Sykesville and the South Branch Patapsco River. The 2.58-acre property is comprised of a two-and-a-half story house from ca. 1909, a large storage building, a small shed, and a garden pavilion. It sits on the east side of the highway immediately south of a former access road that now is mostly overgrown. Its setting is rural with a mixture of nineteenth and early twentieth century farms, post-World War II houses, and more recently constructed homes in the vicinity.

The house is a two-and-a-half story frame front gable building with a central brick chimney. The house is built into a hillside. The first floor of the façade (west) is at ground level, but the foundation is partially visible on the sides, and the rear (east) elevation has a fully exposed basement level. The house has an undressed, uncoursed stone foundation with heavy mortar lines under the original portions of the house and a concrete foundation under the additions. The main part of the façade is two bays wide with replacement double hung sash windows and replacement vinyl siding and shutters. A small cantilevered awning protects the front door. A one bay wide addition with a steep shed roof is attached to the north end of the façade. The addition is a converted attached garage, which now has a window and pedestrian door in the opening formerly belonging to the garage door.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Jim Tardiff
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

12/18/12
 Date

Blount
 Reviewer, National Register Program

12/18/12
 Date

The side (south) elevation is two bays deep with two double hung sash windows on the first and second floors. The opposite side (north) elevation is partially obscured by tall trees. The former garage addition has two double hung sash windows along the side. A rear (east) shed roof addition (possibly an enclosed rear porch) extends across the full width of the rear elevation and covers the first floor and basement levels. A dual level wood deck has also been added to the rear of the building.

There is a small prefabricated frame shed with a front gambrel roof located immediately to the southwest of the house. To the southeast of the house, there is a square plan garden pavilion with lattice walls, arch entries, and diamond cut-out window openings. Broken lengths of turned porch posts are installed at the four corners of the flat roof as decoration.

To the southeast of the house, a large prefabricated metal storage building from ca. 2002 has been erected on the former site of a chicken coop and a blacksmith's shop. The double story building has central French doors under a segmental arch window on its front (north) façade. A fixed window with applied muntins is located to the left of the doorway and an oversized garage door is located to the right. The storage building has standing seam metal walls and roof. Near the southwest corner of the property, there is a capped well.

The George Schrade Property (HO-1110) does not retain integrity. The house has been altered with changes to its design (side, rear, and deck additions), materials (replacement siding, roofing, and windows), and workmanship (loss of historic details). The primary outbuildings of the historic house—a blacksmith shop and a chicken coop—are no longer extant and have been replaced with a non-historic storage building that is nearly as large as the house. The property no longer is able to convey a sense of its historic appearance.

History:

Ursula Brooks gained possession of a parcel of the more than two acres in 1907 as part of the disbursement of the more than 372-acre estate of her late grandfather, Chauncey Brooks (Howard County Deeds 1907:35). This property was a small part of the much larger holdings sold to Chauncey Brooks by James W. Tyson and his wife Elizabeth in 1868 (Howard County Deeds 1868:179).

Ursula Brooks arranged to have the property platted in January of 1908, just a year before she sold the land to George Schrade (Howard County Deeds 1909:284). Schrade may have built the house on the property. A topographic map of the area from 1906 shows Sykesville Road (old alignment), but there are no structures in the vicinity of the George Schrade Property location (USGS 1906). Although Schrade was a blacksmith, and the current owners say a blacksmith shop was on the property (Measmer, personal communication 2012), it is doubtful Schrade built the blacksmith shop. Census records list his address in 1910 as Church Avenue in Sykesville proper (U.S. Census 1910), and the 1920 census identifies him (then age 60) as a clerk in a hardware store with a home address on Church Avenue in Sykesville (U.S. Census 1920).

The blacksmith shop was most likely built ca. 1921 for Charles V. Kilgore, who is identified as a blacksmith with his own shop on Sykesville Road in the 1930 and 1940 population censuses (U.S. Census 1930, 1940). His wife, Lula Kilgore, acquired the property in 1921 from the B.F. Shriver Company of Carroll County, a canning company headquartered in Westminster, Maryland (Barrow 1987:51-52; Howard County Deeds 1921). The B.F. Shriver Company had purchased the property three years earlier from George Schrade and his wife Elizabeth (Howard County Deeds 1918:396). The one-story frame blacksmith shop had a side gable roof and two open bays flanking the central hearth and bellows (Measmer, personal communication 2012).

One of the current owners of the property, Constance Measmer, grew up in this house. She and her husband James currently live next door at 499 Sykesville Road and manage this resource as a rental property (Measmer, personal communication 2012). Her

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

HO-1110

The George Schrade Property

Page 3

mother (then Susan L. Schneider) acquired the property in 1951, and it has stayed in the family since that time (Howard County Deeds 1951). Mrs. Measmer's stepfather, William Fowble, raised hogs that he purchased from the previous owners and used the blacksmith shop for butchering (Measmer, personal communication 2012). During the Measmers' ownership, several changes have been made to the property. The rear deck was added; the garden was landscaped; and the former chicken coop and blacksmith shop were replaced with the large prefabricated storage building.

National Register of Historic Places Evaluation

The George Schrade Property (HO-1110) is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property does not retain integrity. It has lost essential outbuildings and is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic appearance. In addition, the property is not significant under NRHP Criteria A, B, or C. There is no evidence the house is associated with an event or person of local, statewide, or national significance. Blacksmith shops were still very much part of the Maryland landscape in the early twentieth century, and the presence of one the rural area outside of Sykesville is not historically distinctive. There is no record that either blacksmith historically associated with the property, George Schrade or Charles Kilgore, made a contribution to the history of the region. Architecturally, the house is undistinguished and, as noted above, altered.

The George Schrade Property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this assessment.

References

Barrow, H.

1987 Sykesville Past and Present. Greenburg Publishing Company, Sykesville, Maryland.

Howard County Aerial Photography Viewer

2012 Website at <http://data.howardcountymd.gov/GAerialPhoto/GAerialPhoto.asp#>. Accessed October 10, 2012.

Howard County Deeds

1868 James W. Tyson and Elizabeth W. Tyson to Chauncey Brooks to Ursula Brooks. Deed Book 28, Page 179. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1907 Harry Fahnestock, Walter B. Brooks and Gaylord Brooks (under the will of Chauncey Brooks) to Ursula Brooks. Deed Book 84, Page 35. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1909 Ursula Brooks to George Schrade. Deed Book 87, Page 284. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1918 George Schrade and Elizabeth Schrade to B.F. Shriver Company. Deed Book 105, Page 396. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1921 B.F. Shriver Company of Carroll County to Lula Kilgore. Deed Book 113, Page 395. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1933 Lula Kilgore and Charles V. Kilgore to State of Maryland State Roads Commission. Deed Book 147, Page 449. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
Date

1943 Lula Kilgore to John Leopold Schneider and Susan L. Schneider. Deed Book 179, Page 98. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1951 Daniel J. Murray, Jr. and Marshall Hunter Murray to Susan L. Schneider. Deed Book 224, Page 219. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1985 William H. Fowble to James Measmer and Constance I. Measmer. Deed Book 1380, Page 30. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1989 William H. Fowble to Constance I. Measmer and John L. Schneider, Jr. (deed of correction—voided). Deed Book 2017, Page 667. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

1994 William Herbert Fowble by John T. Maguire (guardian of person and property) to James Measmer and Constance I. Measmer. Deed Book 3276, Page 36. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

2012 Assessment Record for Tax Account District 03, Account 285294. Website at http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/details.aspx?County=14&SearchType=STREET&AccountNumber=03%20285294. Accessed October 15, 2012.

Measmer, C.I.

2012 Personal communication with Constance I. Measmer, current owner of 499 Sykesville Road. September 26, 2012.

State Roads Commission of Maryland

1961 Plat No. 19800, Project No. HO-292-002-720, Issued 10-9-1958, Received 1-10-1961. On file, Howard County Land Records Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia, Maryland.

United States Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census)

1910 Population Schedule for the Third District, Howard County, Maryland. Website at Ancestry.com. Accessed October 15, 2012.

1920 Population Schedule for the Third District, Howard County, Maryland. Website at Ancestry.com. Accessed October 15, 2012.

1930 Population Schedule for the Third District, Howard County, Maryland. Website at Ancestry.com. Accessed October 15, 2012.

1940 Population Schedule for the Third District, Howard County, Maryland. Website at Ancestry.com. Accessed October 15, 2012.

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1906 Ellicott, Maryland topographic map, 15 minute quadrangle. United States Geological Survey, Washington, D.C.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

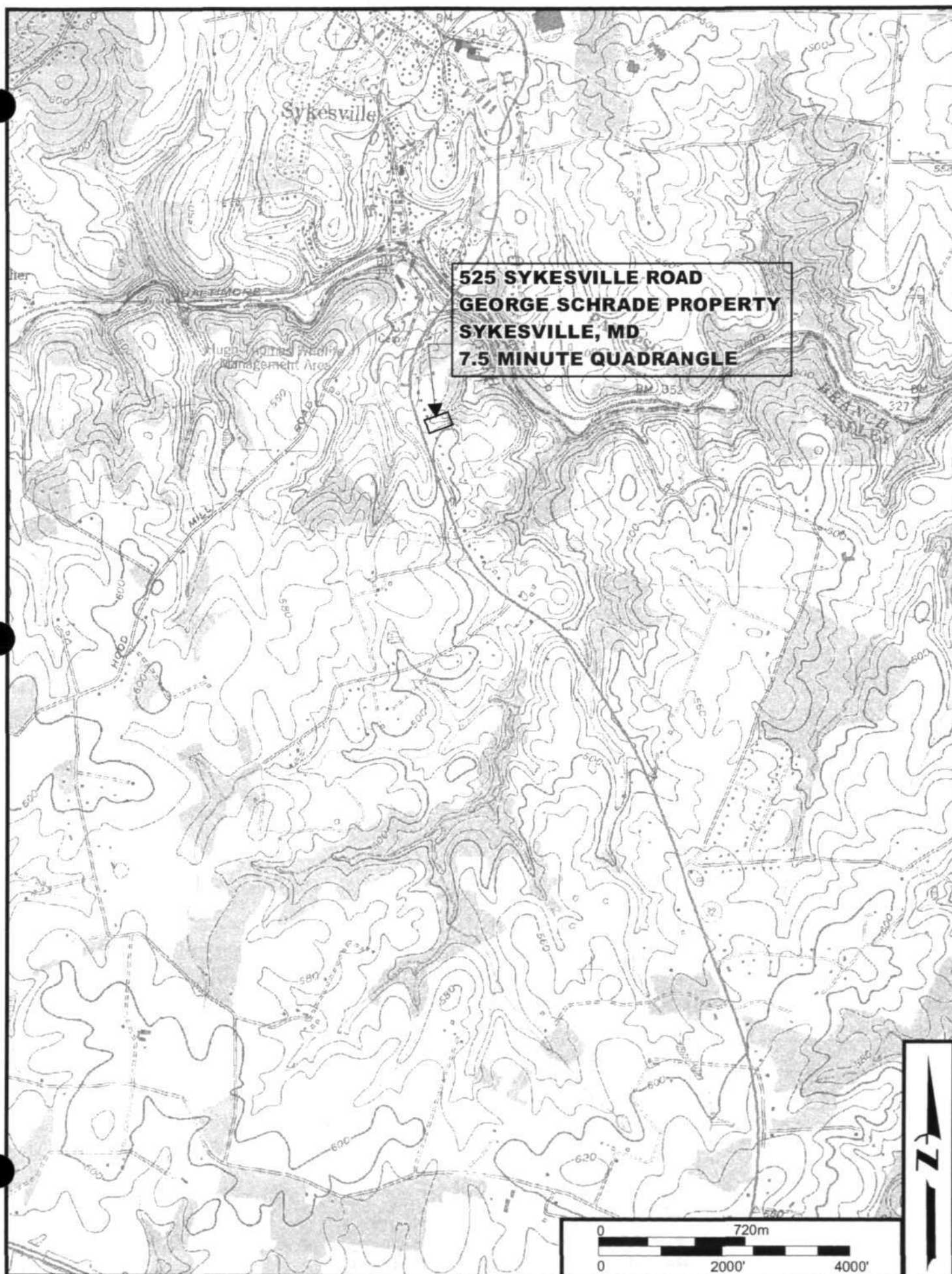


GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY
SITE PLAN

PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONS

7







**GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY
HO-1110
SYKESVILLE, HOWARD COUNTY
PHOTOGRAPH LOG**

Project No. HO472B21

MD 32 from S. of Day Road to N. of W. Friendship Road Widening Project

Howard County, Maryland

Photographer: Laura C. Ricketts, Skelly and Loy, Inc.

Date: September 26, 2012

Ink and Paper: HP 564 80+ Years Permanent Ink and HP Premium Plus Photo Paper

CD-R Gold: Verbatim Ultralife Archival Grade CD-R, 24 karat gold and patented Phthalocyanine phase-changing dye

HO-1110_2012-09-26_01.tif. Front (west) and south elevations of the house, facing northeast.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_02.tif. Front (west) elevation of the house, facing east.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_03.tif. South and rear (east) elevations of the house, facing northwest.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_04.tif. Rear (east) and north elevations of the house, facing southwest.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_05.tif. South elevation of the house with shed at left and garden pavilion at right, facing north.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_06.tif. Front (north) elevation of the storage building, facing southeast.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_07.tif. Rear (south) and east elevations of the storage building, facing northwest.

HO-1110_2012-09-26_08.tif. Historic photograph of the former chicken coop (at left) and blacksmith shop (at right) (Private collection of Constance I. Measmer).

HO-1110_2012-09-26_09.tif. Historic photograph of the old blacksmith shop (not extant) (Private collection of Constance I. Measmer).



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

FRONT (W) AND S ELEVATIONS OF THE HOUSE,
FACING NE

HO-1110_2012-9-26_01.TIF

1 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

FRONT(W) ELEVATION OF THE HOUSE, FACING E

HO-1110 - 2012-9-26-02.TIF

2 OF 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

S AND REAR(E) ELEVATIONS OF THE HOUSE,
FACING NW.

HO-1110 — 2012-9-26 — 03, TIF

3 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

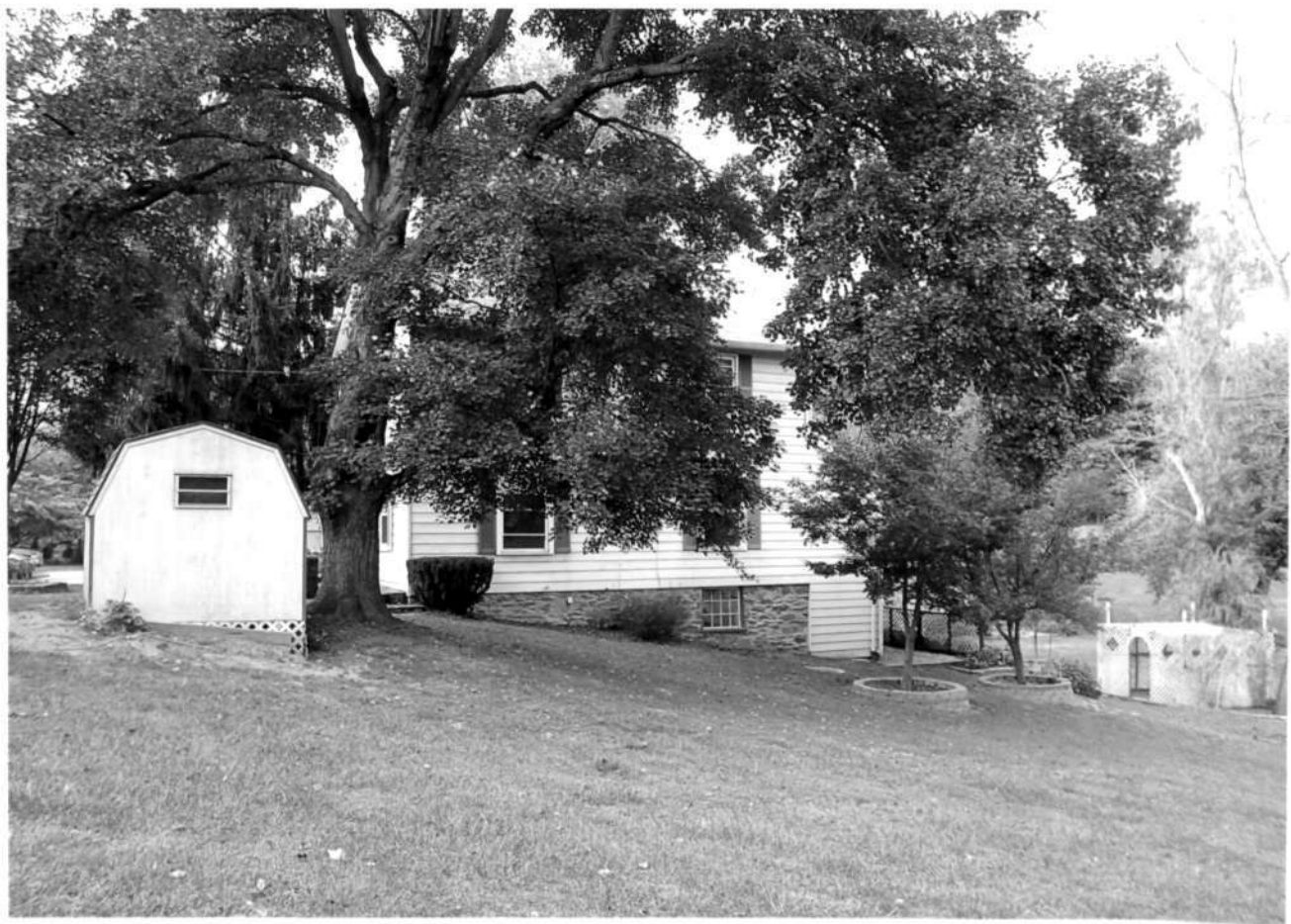
DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

REAR(E) AND N ELEVATIONS OF THE HOUSE,
FACING SW

HO-1110-2012-9-26-04.TIF

4 of 9



HO-1110 /

GEORGE SCHRADER PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

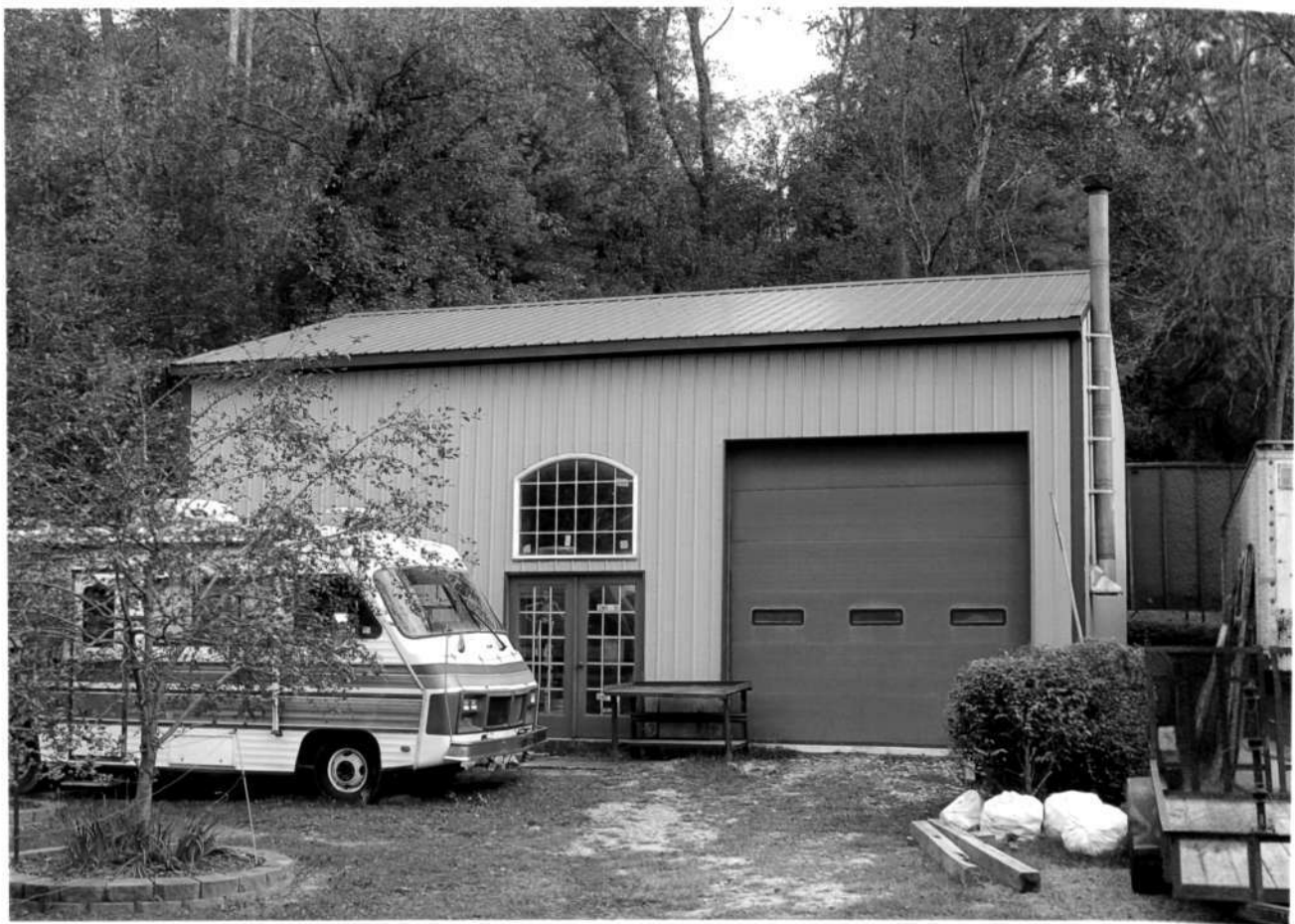
DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

S ELEVATION OF THE HOUSE WITH SHED AT
LEFT AND GARDEN PAVILION AT RIGHT,
FACING N.

HO-1110_2012-9-26-05.TIF

5 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

FRONT (N) ELEVATION of THE STORAGE
BUILDING, FACING SE.

HO-1110 — 2012-9-26 — 06.TIF

6 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE = 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

REAR(S) AND E ELEVATIONS OF THE STORAGE
BUILDING, FACING NW,

HO-1110 — 2012-9-26 — 07.TIF

1 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FORMER CHICKEN
LOOP (AT LEFT) AND BLACKSMITH SHOP (AT RIGHT)
(PRIVATE COLLECTION OF CONSTANCE I. MEASMER).

HO-1110_2012-9-26_08.TIF

8 of 9



HO-1110

GEORGE SCHRADE PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

PHOTOGRAPHER: LAURA C. RICKETTS

DATE: 9/26/2012

DIGITAL FILE: MDSHA

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OLD BLACKSMITH
SHOP (NOT EXTANT) (PRIVATE COLLECTION OF
CONSTANCE I. MEASMER).

HO-1110 — 2012-9-26-09.TIF

9 OF 9